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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.41;
2. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1000.00 to cover the Request For Oral Hearing fee;
3. Request For Oral Hearing (PTO/SB/32); and
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